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To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Health and Welfare has initiated a rule rewrite for **IDAPA 16.06.03 – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs** by conducting town hall meetings. A copy of this chapter may be obtained at this website: <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/0603.pdf>. The areas that we anticipate addressing are:

- Aligning the rules governing alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs with current statutes
- Modernizing obsolete language
- Updating the standards to reflect current practices
- Revising the application process for program approval
- Eliminating those areas that are no longer applicable to current practices
- Requiring a Department criminal history check for all employees rather than the current practice for adolescent treatment providers only
- Including Recovery Support Services
- Potentially revising the acceptance of out of state counselor certificates/licenses to Idaho credentialing

A driving force with some of these changes is the opportunity for reimbursement from Medicaid; therefore, we need to address the areas that will allow for that reimbursement. (Criminal History Checks and Idaho Credentialing)

Town Hall Meetings are scheduled for:

May 12th, 2008

Department of Health and Welfare – Region 1 Lower Level Conference Room
1250 Ironwood Drive - Lower Level Conference Room
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

May 19th, 2008

Boise State University – Student Union Building
Farnsworth Room
Boise, Idaho
4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

May 29th, 2008

Human Development Center
421 Memorial Drive
Conference Room 210
Pocatello, Idaho
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Feedback and support at these meetings will be appreciated.

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